



Holly

Ilex aquifolium

A versatile, slow-growing native evergreen, with an impenetrable dense, prickly nature, tolerant of drought, wind and pollution.

Description

Dense, robust and undemanding, the holly offers an excellent solution to securing more problematic sites, whilst providing ornamental value.

Appearance

Glossy, dark green undulated leaves with unusually deep, spiny edges provide contrast to the clusters of small white, nectar-rich flowers that appear in late spring. The bright red berries which follow in autumn are a welcome sight, often remaining on the branches well into winter.

Placement

Holly excels in any well-drained soil and is tough enough to withstand both exposed inland and coastal sites in full sun or very deep shade.

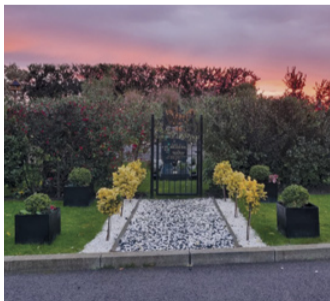
Uses

In addition to making a highly attractive formal hedge worthy of most planting schemes, the holly's prickly foliage will ward off humans and animals alike, making it a highly functional security hedge also. It is advised that protective gloves are used when pruning.



Holly provides a wildlife-rich habitat for bees, pollinating insects and birds – the dense, foliage provides shelter and protection from predators.

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Holly installation at Kemnal Park Cemetery & Ceremonial Park.

Case Study

“We use Elveden for our all our hedges as we can guarantee the high-quality products our clients demand and expect time after time. There is always a great choice of specimens and fantastic delivery times – nothing is too much trouble for the team at Elveden.”

Martin Golding – GreenAcres, Kemnal Park



SOIL

Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT

Full sun
Partial shade
Shade



GROWTH

Slow
10–15cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING

Late winter or
early spring



USES

Privacy screening
Security barrier
Pollution barrier
Windbreak



SUITABILITY

Containment
of livestock
Deer resistant